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EXPRESS LETTER.

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From ..... Secretary, Rajputana.

To ..... Political Agent, Bharatpur.

No.66-P/47. Dated Abu, the 8th August 1947.

INDIAN NATIONAL FLAG -CELEBRATION ON THE 15TH AUGUST 1947.

A copy of the papers noted in the margin is enclosed for information and necessary action.

1. Letter from the Government of India in the Home Deptt.(India) No.87/47-Public(B) dated July 29,1947 & annexure.
2. Govt. of India Home Department Notification No.65/5/47-Public(B) dated July 29,1947.

2. States may kindly be informed that States Department have asked that arrangements may be made to fly the Indian National Flag on all important Government buildings in British India and Indian States on 15th August 1947, and to observe this date and 16th August 1947 as public holidays.

3. The above dates should be observed as public holidays by the establishment remaining in your office after 14th August.

Secretary to the Resident for Rajputana.

Draft xl. is submitted.
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Issued on 11.8.47.

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Copy of letter no.87/47-PUBLIC(B), dated the 29th July 1947, from the Government of India, Home Department (India), to all Provincial Governments(India), etc.

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Indian National Flag - Celebrations on the 15th August 1947.

I am directed to say that the Government of India have since adopted the new National Flag of India as approved by the Constituent Assembly. The relevant resolution adopted by the Constituent Assembly on the 22nd July 1947 is as follows:-

"Resolved that the National Flag be a horizontal tricolours of deep saffron (Kesri), white and dark green in equal proportion. In the centre of the white band, there shall be a wheel in Navy blue to represent the Charkha. The design of the wheel shall be that of the wheel (Chakra) which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Asoka.

The diameter of the wheel shall approximate to the width of the band.

The ratio of the width to the length of the flag should ordinarily be 2:3."

2. A speciment colour drawing of the flag as approved is enclosed.

3. It may be noticed that the above resolution does not prescribe any fixed size for the Flag. Pending formal orders about the sizes of the Flag to be flown by various offices, it is suggested that, if the Provincial Government/you have no objection, the size mentioned in the Annexure may kindly be adopted. As regards supply of flags, it is suggested that, in view of the shortness of time, arrangements may kindly be made to have them prepared locally in the appropriate sizes and quantities required, preference being given to 'Khaddar' (or Indian cloth) in making the flags. The Government of India proposes, for the future, to arrange to keep in stock National Flags of different sizes at a central store on which ijdents could be made.

4. The Provincial Government/you are being informed of this decision to enable them/you to take all the action required for flying the National Flag on all important Government buildings in India and on official residences concerned on August 15, 1947.

5. The Central Government have under consideration a tentative programme for the celebrations to be held in Delhi on the inauguration of the new Dominion of India on the 15th August, 1947 which includes the following:-

(a) Hoisting of the national Flag on all Central Government buildings (the Union Jack hauled down after sunset on 14th August not being hoisted on 15th August).

(b) Flag salutation ceremony in the evening to which His Excellency will drive in State.

(c) Hoisting of the National Flag by His Excellency at the above ceremony.

(d) A march past of troops after the National Flag has been hoisted.

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(e) Illumination and flood-lighting of the Principal buildings in Delhi.

(f) Exhibition of Fire-Works at night.

(g) Distribution of medals and sweets among school children.

(h) General amnesty to prisoners (including commutation of death penalty).

The Provincial Government/You are requested to celebrate the Independence Day in a fitting manner and to adopt such programme of ceremonies as local conditions may require.

6. The Defence Department (India) are being requested to instruct local Military Commanders to render all possible assistance in arranging march past of troops.

ANNEXURE

NO.	NAME OF OFFICIAL	SIZE OF NATIONAL FLAG FLOWN
1.	Their Excellencies the Governors of Provinces.	21' x 14'
2.	Provincial Legislative Councils.	12' x 9'
3.	High Courts, Chief Courts and Judicial Commissioners' Courts.	12' x 9'
4.	The Chief Commissioners, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Ajmer-Merwara, Coorg and Panth Piploda.	6' x 4'
5.	Commissioners of divisions, Deputy Commissioners or Collectors.	6' x 4'
6.	Members of the Board of Revenue, Madras.	6' x 4'
7.	Courts of District and Sessions Judges, when the flying of the flag has been authorised by the local Government.	6' x 4'

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IMMEDIATE.

No. 65/5/47-Public(B)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
HOME DEPARTMENT (INDIA)

Dated New Delhi 3, the 29th July 1947.

N_O_T_I_F_I_C_A_T_I_O_N.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) the Central Government is pleased to declare Friday, the 15th and Saturday the 16th August 1947 to be public holidays throughout the Dominion of India in celebration of the inauguration of the new Dominion of India.

Sd/- G.V. Bedkar.

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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To

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All the six States.

Dy 11th Aug. 47.

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2 The States Deptt. have asked that arrangements may be made to fly the Indian National Flag on all important Govt. buildings in B.I. & Indian States on 15th Aug. 47 & to observe this date & 16th Aug. 47 as public holidays.

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with undisciplined primroses growing as they please in the hedgerows. I was still thinking of him when I saw a Crescent of what we call Council cottages, that is to say, workmens' houses, and very nice houses too, that have been built by the Local authority. In front of this crescent of cottages was an ample green where the cottagers' children could play, and in the middle of this green was a crater so large that a steam trawler might almost have been put inside it. There wasn't the ghost of a military objective anywhere near those cottages, unless of course you consider that every man, woman, and child, is a military objective. But there was the crater in the middle of the green where the children play. Rocks had been torn out of the earth and scattered over it; some of the cottages were obliterated; a n obscene thing had passed by spilling its venom on them, wrecking them and leaving a trail of sorrow behind it.

I don't want to dwell on wreckage; this world has been wrecked many times, and it has been many times rebuilt. We will build it again, when the wreckers have been caught and curbed. I remember in France trying to find the line of trenches in which I had once lived, but I couldn't find it. Corn was growing where formerly the crop had been barbed wire and shell, and that crater green in front of the crescent of Council cottages, will one day again be a place where children can play. But notice now what a vast world of difference there is between the spirit that built those cottages, and the spirit that made the crater. This war is between men who build cottages and men who destroy them; between men who would arm policemen and men who would take their arms away. That is a fact we have to face. You and I are perturbed people, made anxious by the state of the world. Three times in seventy years, the Bosch, by his presence on it, has defiled the soil

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